

REGARDLESS of the opinion of some of the wisecracks, women do not have a monopoly on all of the obstinacy in the world.

HOME EDITION

## CARRANZA FEARS HIS AUTHORITY IS WANEING

That Is Real Reason for Requesting Withdrawal.

De Facto Minister Appeals to Washington Officials.

MEXICAN POPULATION UNEASY

Growing Suspicion Over Presence of U. S. Troops.

But That U. S. Soldiers Will Remain Is Settled.

Washington, May 2.—Generals Scott and Funston at the border today had further instructions from Secretary Baker on which it was expected they would resume negotiations with General Obregon, Carranza's war minister. These orders telegraphed last night do not alter the administration's attitude toward the withdrawal of the troops from Mexican territory. It was said.

Although no formal demand has been made by representatives of the de facto government for the withdrawal of the American troops, the Mexican minister in discussing affairs with American officials here is laying emphasis on the declaration that longer occupation by American troops is reducing the de facto government's authority.

After a conference with Secretary Lansing yesterday he declared that the suspicion is growing among the Mexican people that American soldiers are remaining now for some other purpose than to pursue Villa bandits. He stated that there is no doubt Villa's power is completely crushed, even if the bandit leader is not dead. He said that the Americans have no good reason for continuing their occupation, he declared.

Renew Conference Today.

El Paso, May 2.—"With the question of immediate withdrawal" definitely disposed of in the latest conference from Secretary Baker, the conference of Generals Scott, Funston and Obregon here today on future American troops movements in Mexico is expected to reach a concrete and perhaps final stage.

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## CALL R. R. STRIKE

4,000 Telegraphers, Agents, Etc., to Quit Thursday.

Affects N. Y. Central, Lake Shore and Nickel Plate.

Chicago, May 2.—Four thousand telegraphers, signalmen, agents and townsmen on the New York Central, Lake Shore and Nickel Plate railroads between Chicago and New York have received instructions to strike Thursday at 6 o'clock.

The order was issued by H. B. Pershing, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, who said he had failed to come to an agreement with A. H. Smith, president of the railroads involved.

According to President Pershing, President Smith was willing to make a satisfactory agreement with telegraphers, but refused to deal with the signal men. Fifty of the latter, he said, had been disclosed for organizing. The telegraph organizations had formed an alliance and both will take part in the strike.

## JUDGE BACKS UP ON NOTED BACON-SHAKEPEARE BOUT

Chicago, May 2.—Judge Richard S. Tutill in the circuit court today set aside his recent decision in the Sullivan-Bacon suit that Francis Bacon wrote the literary works generally attributed to Shakespeare.

## IN OFFENSIVE DRIVE FRENCH SEIZE ENEMY

Carry German Position on Two Verdun Sectors.

Capture 100 Prisoners and 500 Meters of Trenches.

QUIET REIGNS AGAIN IN DUBLIN

Food Shortage Has Caused Much Distress in Capital.

Rebels Defeated, Sinn Feiners Hide Arms and Go Home.

Paris, May 2.—A strong attack was made by French troops last night on German positions southeast of Fort Douaumont, on the Verdun front. The French captured a first line German trench 500 metres long, the war office announced this afternoon, and took 100 men prisoner.

West of the River Meuse activity of the artillery continued through the night from the Avocourt region to Dead Man Hill. The war office also announced that in their attacks on April 29 and 30, on the north slope of Dead Man's Hill, the French gained German trenches over a front of about 3,000 metres and a depth of 300 to 500 metres.

Peace Again in Ireland.

Dublin, May 1.—Via London, May 2.—Quiet reigned in the streets of Dublin today. There was little traffic and the thoroughfares were slightly held by the military forces of the government. Only a few sniping shots were heard Sunday night. It is assumed the Sinn Feiners still at liberty have hidden their arms, after using all their ammunition, and rejoined the ranks of peaceful citizens.

A shortage of food has caused much distress in several districts but with the resumption of almost normal conditions the committee charged with looking after the needs of the population expects to relieve those in want within a short time.

It is impossible to get from one part of Dublin to another without a military permit. No one is allowed to pass the bridges and merchants residing in the suburbs are in most cases quite ignorant of what has happened to reach a concrete and perhaps final stage.

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## NEW R. R. PLAN

Holders of 20 Million Bonds Promote Scheme.

Hop to Induce Stockholders to Buy New Stock Issue.

Chicago, May 2.—A new plan for the reorganization of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railway is being formulated by the protective committee representing holders of the \$20,000,000 five per cent debenture bonds, it was announced today. It is understood the terms will be made public as soon as it is definitely determined that the plan promulgated by N. L. Amster, chairman of a stockholders' committee, has failed of adoption by the stockholders.

Seward Prosser, president of the Bankers' Trust company of New York and chairman of the debenture committee, and Speyer and Company are understood to be the principal interests back of the new plan.

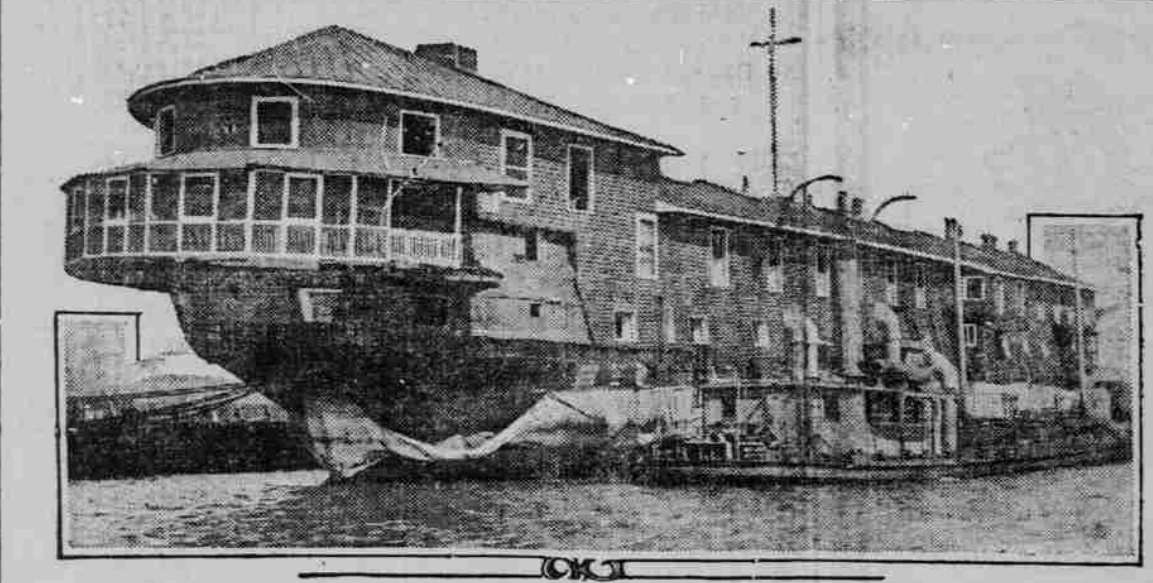
The debenture committee, it is reported, is in favor of reorganization along lines providing for an issue of preferred stock in exchange for the debentures. It will offer the stockholders an opportunity to subscribe to the new preferred stock to provide the additional capital needed to pay off the receivers' certificates and furnish funds for improvements. As an inducement to the old stockholders to buy the new preferred stock, it is suggested that they receive new common stock as a bonus.

## ENGINEERS ARE TO HELP

40,000 Technically Trained Men Organize to "Serve Their Country."

Chicago, May 2.—Forty thousand engineers and technicians trained in the art of war soon will be ready for mobilization in case of necessity, according to C. E. Drayner, executive director of the American Society of Engineers, who today is completing an index which will contain the name of each member, his address, experience and engineering specialty. Said Drayner: "We aim to see that our very best men find their places where they can best serve the interests of their country."

## FAMOUS FLAGSHIP OF ADMIRAL FARRAGUT MAY GO TO JUNK HEAP



The U. S. S. Franklin, flagship of Admiral Farragut in 1867, one of the largest gunboats afloat at that time, has recently been sold by the navy department for \$16,787.53. She cost approximately \$1,330,000 to build and was one of the six mighty vessels laid down by Secretary of the Navy James C. Dobbin in 1864. The new owners have not decided whether to dismantle the old craft for junk or to use it as an exhibition boat. She is now anchored at Portsmouth, Va.

## THE DEBY REPORT

Railway Brotherhoods Say Matter Is Beyond "Locals."

Santa Fe Heads Give Out Their Position in Topeka.

A vigorous denial that representatives of the four railway brotherhoods on the Western lines of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe are taking steps to withdraw from the general demands for an eight hour day with time and half for overtime, was made this morning by W. W. Hutton, chairman of the Order of Railway Conductors on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe lines. Mr. Hutton also denied the authenticity of a report that engineers on the Union Pacific lines have decided to withdraw from the conference.

"The matter has passed entirely beyond the locals," Mr. Hutton declares. The movement for an eight hour day with time and a half for all overtime was endorsed by every local in the four orders and the story that the men now wish to withdraw is preposterous.

Mr. Hutton has kept in close touch not only with the affairs of his own order but with the trend of events in the other three organizations as they affect the eight hour movement, he says. And nowhere, he insists, is there any organized attempt to withdraw.

Reports have been received that two engineers on the Eastern lines of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe have expressed themselves as being opposed to the movement, Mr. Hutton admits. The two engineers, however, voted in favor of the demands at the time a vote was taken, he says.

"As far as we have been able to learn, the two engineers on the Eastern lines of the Santa Fe are the only ones in the country that have shown any disposition to step out of line. And the position of these two men is announced enough to warrant action by the Brotherhoods."

Too Late to Withdraw.

Members of the Brotherhoods who attempt to withdraw from the demands now do so at the risk of forfeiting membership in the organizations and thereby losing insurance carried there, according to Hutton. Insurance carried by the men runs between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

"The eight hour proposition was checked squarely up to the locals and the vote left no room for doubt as to action expected of the officials," Hutton stated. "Without any question, there will be no attempt to break away from the general conference."

Preliminary steps for the general conference, in which committees representing railways of the country and the four brotherhoods will participate, are now being taken, according to Hutton.

Rumors of dissension in the ranks of the brotherhoods have been current in railway circles for some time. Railroad officials declare that engineers who have been in the service for a number of years and are approaching the age when they will be entitled to pensions are not looking with favor on a break that will sweep away all the benefits that have accrued to them by virtue of their term of service.

Reports Unverified.

Mr. Kouns this morning was unable to verify a report from Albuquerque that members of the brotherhoods on the Western lines of the road had decided to withdraw from the general conference. F. C. Fox, general manager at Amarillo, Tex., is in charge of that territory.

"The report does not come as a surprise, however," Mr. Kouns declares. "Reports have come to us that many engineers on our lines are desirous of withdrawing from the case. Especially is this true of the old men."

Mr. Kouns will leave for New York Saturday to attend a preliminary meeting of the committee that will represent the railways in the conference and to which Mr. Kouns has been appointed. At that meeting the railroad probably will agree on the stand that will be taken when the conference opens.

## GIRL SUICIDE PULLS SHOT-GUN TRIGGER WITH HER TOE

Springfield, Mo., May 2.—Lottie May Rose, 19 years old, killed herself with a shotgun at her home near Brookline, following a quarrel with her father.

Rowdybush. With her right foot bared, she leaned over the gun and pulled the trigger with her toe.

## Oddities Culled From Day's News

Chicago.—John Calubolski received a shock when two demure young women who blushed when he smiled at them, whispered "Don't move or we'll plug you." They took \$25 from his vest pocket and escaped in an auto.

New York.—Mrs. Katherine Loeffler, who flew a marine distress signal on her home to attract her husband, drew a large crowd by the proceeding and was arrested. She was later released.

East Orange, N. J.—Thomas Edizoh, back home today, considers his Florida vacation a failure because Henry Ford did not visit him. He planned to make a preparedness advocate out of Ford by throwing him out of a boat and then asking him if he could swim.

Chicago.—The seventeen Greek letter fraternities at the University of Chicago are taking "turn about" serenading the forty co-eds quarantined in Greenwood Hall because of scarlet fever.

New York.—Because a cat attacked her pet poodle, Babe, and was not driven off until Babe's owner, Mrs. Henrietta Gardner, was severely scratched, said Henrietta wants \$10,000 from the cat's owner. Trial is on.

New York.—A score of New Yorkers got their breakfast free here by dashing out of a restaurant when someone falsely shouted fire. The proprietor is still waiting for them.

## WHAT KANSAS DO

Nearly 100,000 Listed Under Trade and Transportation Occupations.

Out of a total of 93,603 persons listed under trade and transportation occupations in Kansas, 23,051 are clerks and copyists, according to figures compiled in connection with the taking of the state decennial census in the office of Secretary J. C. Mohler of the state board of agriculture.

The clerk group is the largest in the list while merchants and dealers come next with 29,452, and railroad employees, not including clerks, have 18,238. Drycleaners, teamsters, hackmen and local expressmen, 6,012; employees of express companies, 1,605; laborers in stores and warehouses, 2,296; and foremen and supervisors, 1,335. The occupations of 1,905 are not listed, the report showed.

In the report the following groups are given: Undertakers, 402; livery stable keepers, 912; bankers and brokers, 1,534; officers and employees of the state, 1,238; commercial travelers, 2,256; hucksters and peddlers, 257; real estate, loan and insurance agents, 3,304; bookkeepers and accountants, 2,756; stenographers and typewriters, 1,212; draymen, teamsters, hackmen and local expressmen, 6,012; employees of express companies, 1,605; laborers in stores and warehouses, 2,296; and foremen and supervisors, 1,335. The occupations of 1,905 are not listed, the report showed.

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## NOT KIN TO GEORGE

But Patriot Resented Statement That Country's Father Drank and Swore.

Tacoma, Wash., May 2.—Great interest is being shown in the trial which continued today of Paul R. Haffer, accused of criminal libel by an attack on George Washington in a letter published in a newspaper. The prosecution is based on a state statute enacted to protect the memory of the dead. The letter asserted that Washington "swore, drank and was a slave holder."

Col. Albert E. Joab, of this city, the defendant, called as a witness for the defense, was asked why he had filed the letter.

"When I read the article," said Colonel Joab, "I felt as if I had been struck by the face of the deceased."

"No immediate relation," he answered, "only a patriotic American citizen."

## Battle Rumored.

El Paso, May 2.—General Funston received an unofficial, unconfirmed report this afternoon that a squadron of the Seventh United States cavalry under Colonel Erwin were in a fight with Mexicans. Confirmation and details were not obtainable.

## EXPECTS ATTACK!

Pershing Draws His Men Up in Battle Array.

U. S. Troops at Border Base Ordered to Cross.

Columbus, N. M., May 2.—General Pershing is concentrating and disposing his forces today as though an attack was imminent. With the conference hanging fire and the situation admittedly tense, he is taking no chances, it is asserted, and acting under actual war conditions. Every movement in the conference room is reported to the field commander by wireless.

Scattered columns have been drawn into an advance base and additional defensive works constructed at several points. All troops at this base are held in readiness to move on short notice if necessary.

Rain Swamps Supply Train.

Four companies of infantry early today were preparing to march. It is believed orders have been received to cross the border to reinforce the advance line. The machines were making rapid return trips and piling up supplies. If the rains continue, it will bring about a serious situation.

## FOR WORLD COURT

Second Congress for International System Held.

Will Make No Attempt to Stop Present War.

New York, May 2.—The Second World Court Congress is to be held in New York city today, tomorrow and the next day, looking to the establishment of some arrangement which will not only provide an organization for the adjustment and judicial settlement of any international disputes that may arise, but will insure a lasting peace.

The first World Court Congress was held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1915. Every state of the Union will be represented in New York city at this congress, as this project, backed by some of the most prominent and influential Americans is of general interest.

The congress will make no attempt to stop the present war, but will try to prevent future wars.

## GOOD AS AN ARMY

Roosevelt as President Equivalent to Armed Forces.

Nations Then Will Know That We Mean Business.

Chicago, May 2.—Frank P. MacLennan, editor of the Topeka State Journal, the leading evening newspaper of Kansas, is one of the latest converts to Theodore Roosevelt for president, said the Tribune this morning. In 1912 he was a Taft partisan.

Mr. MacLennan was in Chicago last night and explained his new allegiance.

"We need a statesman of Roosevelt's caliber in the White House," he said. "If he is nominated by the Republican convention in June, it will be equivalent to several new dreadnaughts."

"As a matter of fact, Europe has bluffed Wilson from start to finish and as a consequence we are losing the respect of the nations. Wilson has blundered in Mexico and has blundered in Europe. Now it looks as if he may be about to blunder in Japan."

"But there is one thing I would like to say about Roosevelt. He has smoothed over the misunderstanding with Root. Why can't he do it with Taft?"

## CALL REVENGE STRIKE ON 2000 N. Y. FACTORIES

Garment Workers Call Out 90,000 Workers.

To Get Even With Employers' Lockout of 60,000.

KEEP UP FIGHT ALL SUMMER

Union Has \$500,000 in Treasury to Conduct It.

Marine Engineers Report Most Demands Granted.

Pittsburg, May 2.—An agreement has been reached between the Street Railway company and its striking employees.

New York, May 2.—In retaliation for the lockout of 60,000 workers on women's garments begun a few days ago by the Manufacturers' Protective association, the International Ladies Garment Workers' union today ordered a strike of all its members in this city, whether employed in the shops belonging to the association or in independent shops.

It is estimated this order applies to 20,000 persons, including about 30,000 apprentices and others not already affected by the lockout.

Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the employees' union, said the organization has more than \$500,000 in its treasury and is prepared to carry the fight on all summer if necessary.

Plans were made to station 2,000 pickets around the shops. It is estimated that a majority of the companies affected, and that the strike virtually will be over by tonight. About 4,000 men went out, reducing the amount of freight handled in the harbor by one-half.

Joplin, Mo., May 2.—Journemen pumbers in Joplin, Mo. City and Cartersville are on a strike for increased wages.

## WILTED, KILLS TWO

Wealthy Connecticut Farmer and Daughter Slain.

Believe Tragedy Resulted From Lovers' Quarrel.

Thompson, Conn., May 2.—George A. Pettis, a wealthy farmer and his 16-year-old daughter were killed in their home here today. Deputy sheriffs and a posse are searching for John Elliott, charged with the shooting.

The cause of the tragedy, it is believed, was a quarrel between the father and daughter.

## CLOUDS EVERYWHERE

Rain and Colder Is the Forecast for Tonight.

Daily temperature readings furnished by the weather bureau:

7 o'clock ... 46 11 o'clock ... 51  
8 o'clock ... 48 12 o'clock ... 52  
9 o'clock ... 49 1 o'clock ... 50  
10 o'clock ... 49 2 o'clock ... 49

The total rainfall today up to 3 o'clock was .48 of an inch.

Temperatures today averaged 13 degrees below normal. The wind is blowing at the rate of 8 miles an hour from the northeast. Rain, which started about 11 o'clock this morning, netted .09 of an inch. The rain was not heavy up to 2 o'clock but it was steady and gave promise of continuing for several hours.

The sky is cloudy over the entire state of Kansas today and rain is in prospect for tonight. Light showers will be scattered places throughout the state last night and it is not unlikely that snow will be reported in the west tonight. The mercury at Topeka is expected to drop, but it will not reach the freezing mark and the heavy clouds will prevent a frost, according to the weather bureau.

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## It Cost Only \$10 to Drive on 'Cop' and Then Stop!

While Officer Ransom and F. B. Rude, gardener, were arguing the question as to whether or not Rude was violating the traffic regulations, Rude drove his team ahead until he was wheeled rear on Ransom's toe, then stopped.

It cost Rude \$10 and cost Ransom a toenail.

## ENGLAND ADOPTS CONSCRIPTION TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Announcement by Asquith a Complete Surprise.

All Married Men Now Must Rally to Colors.

NOW HAVE 5 MILLION IN ARMY

New Move Will Add 300,000 to 400,000 Men.

Army Now Includes 83 Divisions; Formerly but 26.

London, May 2.—Premier Asquith announced this afternoon that the government has decided upon a policy of immediate and general conscription in England. The announcement was made in the house of commons.

The minister's announcement was a complete surprise. It had been understood that the prime minister would give the volunteer system of obtaining recruits for the army a few more weeks' trial before asking the enactment of a law calling "a call to arms" for all married men eligible for service as well as single men included in the conscription measure which recently passed parliament.

Premier Asquith's decision for compulsory military service for many months. Adoption of the policy of general conscription will add to the British army a force variously estimated at between 300,000 and 400,000 men.

Mr. Asquith told the members of the house of commons that the total British army, including the British army, including India and including the dominions comprised eighty-three divisions.

Mr. Asquith said that while in August, 1914 the British army at home and overseas consisted of twenty-six divisions, there were now seventy-one divisions, including the naval division.

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## 4 WATCHWORDS

"Conservation, Efficiency, Patriotism and Preparedness."

Keynote of National Congress to Save U. S. Resources.

Washington, May 2.—Nearly the entire program of the National Conservation congress which opened here today was given over to discussion of mobilizing the country's natural resources for national defense.

The congress called its meeting a conference on national strength and efficiency. E. Lee Worsam of Atlanta, president of the congress, in his opening address said:

"The four watchwords are conservation, efficiency, patriotism and preparedness. The situation which America faces calls for conservation, development and utilization of the country's resources. There must be no incompetency, no unnecessary expenditure of energy, time or substance."

## DEMAND OF LABOR

Workers Want to Share in Prosperity, Says Gompers.

Better Understanding Will Be Result of Strikes.

BY SAMUEL GOMPERS, President of the American Federation of Labor.

Washington, May 2.—American laboring men today have a general realization of the fact that they are entitled to a just share in the tremendous wave of prosperity sweeping all over the country. The strikes incident to their efforts to enforce this right are not indications that they are trying to take advantage of an accidental situation. They merely claim their due and equitable share in the greatest industrial boom of history.

Too long has the American laboring man been compelled to share in depression and failed to share in periods of greater prosperity.

It is too early to discuss the effects of the present widespread demands for readjustments. Personally, I do not even yet know just how far-reaching they are.

Laborers Optimistic. I have just returned from New York and Philadelphia, where I conferred with labor leaders. These conferences and the information I have led me to this conclusion: That union labor is justified in being optimistic about the situation and have met employees halfway. Employers more and more are treating with employees in a friendly spirit.

Therefore it is reasonable to suspect that this agitation may result in an understanding which will give the working man in the vast majority of cases a square deal and that the effects of the disputes will be highly beneficial to both employees and employers.

## STRIKE RAILROADS KILLED

Mob of 3,000, Wrecking Plants, Encounters Bullets.

Run Riot Through Pennsylvania Steel Towns.

THREE KILLED; 7 WOUNDED

Sheriff Asks State Officials to Send Militia.

Pittsburg Street Car Strikers Vote 10 to 1 to End It.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 2.—Three men were killed and seven wounded when the mob which has been attacking manufacturing plants in the Turtle Creek and Monaca Valley throughout the day charged the Thirtieth street entrance of the Edgar Thomas Steel company's plant at Braddock this afternoon.

The mob charged the gates leading to the mill and was driven back by deputy sheriffs. Reforming a little farther down the street, it made another rush and attempting to scale the fence was met with a volley from the guards' revolvers. This halted the mob again and the crowd retired.

Sheriff Richards at once conferred with state officials asking that the national guard be ordered to the disturbed section tonight.

A mob of three thousand strikers from the Turtle Creek valley, armed with clubs and stones entered Braddock today, marched to the plant of the Sterling Steel Foundation, and smashed windows and otherwise damaged the building. They then moved on to the Edgar Thomas plant.